

### News Briefs

#### Changes of command

Lt. Col. Kirk Edens will assume command of the 14th Medical Support Squadron at 9 a.m. today at the Columbus Club.

Lt. Col. Alessandra Stokstad will relinquish command of the 14th Mission Support Squadron to Maj. Jose Aleman at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Columbus Club.

Lt. Col. Bryan Stostad will relinquish command of the 14th Comptroller Squadron to Maj. Gena Stuchbery at 2 p.m. Monday at the Columbus Club.

Lt. Col. Frank Rossi will relinquish command of the 50th Flying Training Squadron to Lt. Col. Brian Donahoo at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday at Hangar 1 (behind the BLAZE Hangar).

Col. David Lewis will relinquish command of the 14th Operations Group to Col. Eric Theisen at 8:14 a.m. Wednesday at Hangar 1.

#### Community assessment

Today is the last day for all active-duty spouses to participate in the base community assessment to provide valid, relevant and actionable community-level data at the installation level. To complete the assessment, visit [www.spouseAFCAsurvey.com](http://www.spouseAFCAsurvey.com). The site access code is "SpouseAFCA" and is not case sensitive.

#### Testing cancelled

The Education Services Flight will not conduct CLEP, DANTES, PME, CDC or Distance Learning testing July 3 through July 7. Students are encouraged to plan their testing needs accordingly. Call Ext. 2562.

#### Ideas wanted

Columbus AFB will celebrate the Air Force's 59th birthday with the Air Force Ball Sept. 22 at the Trotter Convention Center. The planning committee has begun organizing the annual event and is soliciting ideas for a 2006 Air Force Ball theme. Now through July 7, BLAZE TEAM members are encouraged to submit ideas to [colin.burchfield@columbus.af.mil](mailto:colin.burchfield@columbus.af.mil). Based on the community's response, the committee will determine the theme at a later date.



Chief Master Sgt. Ron Bowlan, 14th Flying Training Wing command chief, reviews enlisted performance reports with AFROTC Cadet Nick Etter as part of the Rising Sophomore Program.

Airman 1st Class Alyssa Miles

## AFROTC cadets visit CAFB

Cadet Matthew Coffey  
AFROTC Detachment 475

Today marked the end of a three-week stay at Columbus AFB for 20 ROTC cadets from detachments across the United States.

The visit was the first of three Rising Sophomore Program sessions to take place here this summer.

The Rising Sophomore Program (RSP) is intended to aid in the professional development of the cadets by introducing them to the opera-

tions of an active-duty base.

One focus of the program is to allow the cadets to observe NCOs and gain understanding of how Air Force missions are accomplished by both officer and enlisted personnel. The cadets were given the opportunity to experience the day-to-day activities of active-duty personnel, as well as gain insight into future career opportunities.

"It's important to see what it's like to be on base, what it's like to be on active duty and how life is," said Nick Etter, an RSP cadet studying pre-law at the

University of Arkansas. "We're always in a training environment and to actually see people doing real work in the Air Force is important."

Cadet Etter found that Columbus AFB particularly suited his Air Force goals.

"I want to go into pilot training," he said. "Visiting Columbus AFB showed me what it would be like to come straight out of commissioning. Hopefully I might end up somewhere like here."

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## FTAC fresh faces



Airman 1st Class Alyssa Miles

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the most recent graduates of the First Term Airman Center. Pictured are, from left to right: (front row) Airman Richard Nearing, 14th Communications Squadron; Airman 1st Class Davita Pennycuff, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; Airman Ntzaki Potter, 50th Flying Training Squadron; Airman Natasha Sanders, 41st FTS; Airman 1st Class Matthew D'Arcangelo, 50th FTS; (back row) Class leader, Airman 1st Class Matthew Marentette, 14th CS; Airman Eric Nash, 14th CS; Airman 1st Class Byron Taylor, 14th Security Forces Squadron; Airman Blake Sherrill, 14th Mission Support Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. Brian Bailey, FTAC instructor.

## Clean habits protect flying mission

Personnel from several units across base have recently experienced viral symptoms, such as the stomach flu and diarrhea.

These viruses are not life threatening and those experiencing such symptoms should expect a full recovery, according to Lt. Col. Jane Denton, 14th Medical Operations Squadron commander.

All BLAZE TEAM members are encouraged to practice proper personal

hygiene and make preventative efforts to avoid any further contamination:

- \* Wash hands often. Use hand sanitizer or soap and hot water for at least 30 seconds.
- \* Clean all kitchen and food preparation areas daily with a bleach solution (1 capful per gallon of cold water).
- \* Remember to hydrate often, especially during summer months. It is very important for small children with diarrhea to have increased oral intake.

\* Those recovering from virus symptoms are urged to avoid preparing food for large groups for at least five days.

Medical group officials encourage all BLAZE TEAM members on flying status to attend sick call and all others may call their Primary Care team for advice on treating symptoms. For questions or more information, call public health at Ext. 2143. *(Courtesy of the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office)*



Staff Sgt. Michael Bradford  
14th Civil Engineer Squadron



The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates **Sergeant Bradford** on his selection as a **SOAR program participant**. The SOAR program allows enlisted personnel to separate from active duty and receive a scholarship worth up to \$15,000 per year while pursuing their commission through Air Force ROTC.

### 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, **48 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed** worldwide.

Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



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# SARC partners with MUW police to provide self-defense course for BLAZE TEAM females

Senior Airman Cecilia Rodriguez  
14th Flying Training Wing

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator hosts a Basic Rape Aggression and Defense program from 6 to 9 p.m. July 18, July 20, July 25 and July 27 at the Columbus AFB Youth Center gym.

The Basic RAD course is the first in multiple blocks of self-defense training taught by the Mississippi University for Women Police Department.

“The 12-hour course is offered in three-hour blocks and will cover basic self defense techniques used to confront and/or escape an attacker,” said Kirsten Hawley, assistant Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. “These techniques create building blocks for improved situational awareness and give women the tools to handle stressful confrontational situations.”

Cost is a one-time \$10 fee per person, and includes all materials and instruction. Once paid, this fee allows a per-

son to attend any future RAD course world-wide for free. Other courses include refresher training and advanced instruction, such as self-defense from guns and knives.

“I would recommend this course to any pre-teen, teenager, woman and especially mothers and daughters,”

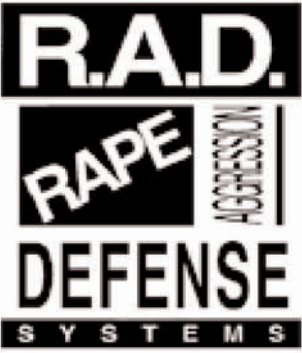
Ms. Hawley said. “This course allows women to become more comfortable handling situations when confronted by an attacker and reassures them they always have options should they unexpectedly find themselves in a life threatening situation.”

The course is open to all females, and participants must at least be enrolled in the sixth grade. Any children under 17 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required by July 17.

For questions or more information, call the

SARC at Ext. 1130 or Ext. 2875.

*(Editor's note: RAD is an international organization. Most states have programs linked to local police departments. For more information, visit [www.rad-systems.com](http://www.rad-systems.com).)*



# AETC deploys new pilot screening test for FY07

2nd Lt. Kirk Reimer

Air Education and Training  
Command Studies and Analysis  
Squadron

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — Air Education and Training Command officials here announced they will field a new psychomotor skills test to be required of all candidates meeting pilot selection boards after October 1.

The replacement of the existing Basic Aptitude Test with the new Test of Basic Aviation Skills represents an AETC initiative to harness science and technology to screen candidates and train the pilot force more efficiently.

Pilot selection boards meeting after October 1 will require all candidates to have taken the TBAS prior to record closeout, which typically occurs two weeks before the board date. BAT results are still required for pilot selection boards meeting before that date; however, due to the retest policy, TBAS cannot be taken sooner than 120 days after one's final BAT test to be valid.

Also, the minimum time required between two successive BAT tests remains 180 days. Candidates are highly encouraged to take the BAT as soon as possible if they are meeting a board requiring the BAT and who also want to leave enough



U.S. Air Force photo

**All pilot candidates meeting selection boards after October 1 will be required to complete a new psychomotor skills test, the Test of Basic Aviation Skills, in an effort to train the pilot force more efficiently. The test will replace the existing Basic Aptitude Test.**

time to take the TBAS for a subsequent board.

Prospective pilot candidates should pay close attention to two key dates regarding the new testing process. BAT testing will be discontinued at all testing locations on July 17, and all locations must begin administering the TBAS no later than Aug. 14. Some test locations may install TBAS faster than others, however. For the most current information visit the Pilot Candidate Selection Method Web site:

<http://www.aetc.randolph.af.mil/sas/pcsm/>.

Both the TBAS and the BAT measure psychomotor skills proven to be correlated to the completion of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, including hand-eye coordination and listening response. Results of the AF Officer Qualifying Test and previous flying experience are two other key indicators correlated to success in SUPT.

The PCSM program weights these three indicators — BAT or TBAS, AFOQT, and

flying hours — and combines them into a single score. Pilot selection boards use PCSM scores as a part of their process to evaluate and select Airmen for pilot training.

“TBAS replaces the BAT with newer hardware and improved tests which incorporate recent advances in psychomotor and cognitive research,” said Brig. Gen. Richard E. Perraut Jr., Air Education and Training Command Plans, Requirements and Programs director.

The TBAS system incorporates modern computer capability and low-glare, flat-screen monitors, as well as updated joystick and foot pedal controls which look, feel and perform more realistically. Further, the TBAS is an adaptable platform that can facilitate new research to advance the science of pilot screening.

*(Editor's note: If your pilot selection board meets before Sept. 30, you are required to take the BAT. BAT testing ends July 16. BAT-based PCSM systems will be deactivated July 17.*

*If your pilot selection board meets after Oct. 1, you are required to take the TBAS no later than the record closeout deadline, usually two weeks prior to board date.*

*If you want to be prepared to meet a board requiring the BAT and a later board requiring the TBAS, plan to take the BAT early enough to allow 120 days before taking the TBAS.)*

# Space invention saves money, boosts potential

Jo Adail Stephenson

Space and Missile Systems Center

LOS ANGELES — In the midst of budget cuts and space program cost overruns, the Air Force has found a way to save taxpayers money and, at the same time, increase small satellite launch capability to its maximum potential.

It's called the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Secondary Payload Adapter, or ESPA, ring.

Roughly five feet in diameter and two feet tall, the ESPA is a half-inch thick aluminum ring on which individual satellites can be mounted on one of six standardized secondary locations on the ring's perimeter. It can support up to six 400-pound satellites.

This means that instead of launching one satellite with one rocket, the ESPA ring, which fits in between the rocket and the largest satellite, will enable that same launch vehicle to carry up to six additional small satellites for the cost of one launch.

Col. Joseph Boyle, the Space and Missile Systems Center's chief launch engineer, said this could capture a whole new market for the EELV program and provide a significant boost to the research community.

In the near future, the ESPA ring will allow a number of EELV launches to have the capacity to offer the small satellite community an option to this significant new access to space. This could substantially reduce integration costs from an estimated \$20 million per satellite per launch to \$5 million. The launch costs, which are figured separately from the integration costs, are still being worked, according to program officials.

“We are looking at putting ESPA rings on as many Air Force launches as we possibly can,” said Lt. Col. Dan Griffith, director of the Department of Defense Space Test Program, or STP, part of the center's Detachment 12 at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

The STP-1 launch, slated for fall, will be the inaugural flight of the ESPA ring. The mission's manifest is the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's Orbital Express, the launch's largest satellite, and the ESPA ring with five auxiliary satellites — MidSTAR-1 (Naval Academy); FalconSAT-3 (U.S. Air Force Academy); NPSAT1 (Naval Post Graduate School); STPSat-1 (STP built with Naval and Air Force Research Laboratory experiments) and CFESat (Los Alamos National Laboratories).

Aboard an Atlas V launch vehicle for this first mission, a total of six distinctly different satellites at two different altitudes and inclinations make this an important first launch of its kind, Colonel Griffith said.

Other government agencies, universities and commercial space organizations can take advantage of this new small satellite launch capability.

Through STP's partnership with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, ESPA is also being considered for use on NASA missions, the colonel said.

# Blue to Green bonus



Airman 1st Class Alyssa Miles

**Maj. Edward Lucas, 14th Flying Training Wing Staff Judge Advocate, presents Army 1st Lt. Lea Lato with her Army commissioning certificate after completing her transition from an Airman to a Soldier through the Blue to Green Program. Under the program, Air Force and Navy officers who are approved for transfer can move to the Army without changing rank or component. Those who sign up for three years active-duty service will now receive a \$2,500 signing bonus. For more information, visit <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/opdistacc/IST/CIST.htm>.**

## AFROTC

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During their visit, the RSP cadets participated in a variety of activities showcasing particular Air Force careers and missions at Columbus AFB. They took tours of base facilities, including the medical group buildings and radar approach control facility, and spent an afternoon getting their hands dirty with the base civil engineering program. They also received physiological training and orientation flights in both T-37 and T-1 aircraft.

The cadets ventured to off-base activities as well, including an evening watching auto-racing at the Magnolia Speedway, compliments of the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The future servicemembers, who will be entering their sophomore year of college in the fall, are fulfilling an Air Force ROTC scholarship requirement by attending this summer program.

The second group of Rising Sophomore Program cadets is scheduled to arrive Sunday and depart July 15.

# Congratulations CAFB reenlistees

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the most recent Air Force reenlistees:

**Senior Airman Nicole Sharff** of the 14th Operations Support Squadron; **Senior Airman Nicole Paille** of the 14th Medical Support Squadron; **Master Sgt. Lisa Alexander** of the 14th OSS; **Senior Airman Morgan Rhodes** of the 50th Flying Training Squadron; **Senior Airman Stephen McShane** of the 14th Medical Operations Squadron; and **Staff Sgt. Jesus Espinoza-Ogarcia** of the 14th MDOS.

For more information about reenlistment options, call Career Assistance Advisor Master Sgt. Shelli Fisher at Ext. 7004.



# CAFB squadron commander takes trip down memory lane

**Lt. Col. Frank Rossi**  
50th Flying Training Squadron

Lately I've been asked what I'm going to miss most about being a squadron commander. It first hit me six months ago when a friend said to enjoy these next few months because it would be the last time I would be IN a squadron. As my change of command approaches, that's starting to sink in.

I'm really going to miss the extremely rewarding challenge of leading my squadron's most valuable resource — its people — in successfully accomplishing its reason for existing — the mission. What I'm going to miss most, however, is definitely the squadron family. For 20 years, the Air Force has served as my extended family, with the squadron forming the basic family unit.



I arrived as a single lieutenant at my first operational squadron in England, a long way from my parents and brother back in California.

I'll never forget the birthday where I found a freshly baked oversized chocolate chip cookie on my desk. One of the ways in which wives took care of

the squadron family was by baking for single member's birthdays, and it sure meant a lot to us.

During that same assignment, I was responsible for planning a deployment from England to Italy in support of a NATO exercise. Several days before departing, I was given three inch-thick operations orders and told to "figure them out." It quickly became apparent we had a lot of mission planning to do.

I called my brother lieutenants together and told them I needed help

getting us ready for the exercise. They just asked "when and where," and that Saturday we prepared all of the required charts and mission materials and proceeded to have a great exercise in Italy.

Next, I went to Cannon AFB, N.M., where the closeness of our squadron family is best characterized by our Monday Night Football buffalo wings gatherings. Ben and his wife Sue would open up their home every Monday night to watch football and cook hot wings. He even gave his keys to another squadron mate when he was on leave or TDY so the tradition could continue. It was the squadron's Monday night hang out and became so popular that other squadrons started showing up as well.

After New Mexico I was sent to Japan, where the rules kept most military members from shipping cars. Standard practice was to loan your car to new squadron mates until they could purchase their own. We never gave a

second thought to loaning cars to complete strangers because we had been in the same boat, and it was our way of paying back those who had gone before us. Plus, they weren't really strangers, but rather new members of our squadron family.

My family and I will also miss squadron get-togethers such as hails and farewells. I guess we're lucky, because we've never considered such events as "mandatory fun." In all of our assignments there's never been a place we'd rather be then spending time with our squadron family.

Why this trip down memory lane? Are these the ramblings of some over the hill forty-something? Perhaps. But my Air Force experience continues to reinforce the notion that we in the military are very fortunate. Whenever I try to explain the camaraderie and esprit de corps my family enjoys in the military to my civilian family and friends, I usually get the dog-watching-TV look. They don't get it — and probably never will — because they've never experienced anything like it.

So cherish and nurture your time in an Air Force squadron. It's truly something special, and, as I'm about to find out, won't last forever.

# Letter to Airmen SECAF, CSAF discuss personal financial management

**(Editor's note: The following is a Letter to Airmen from Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael T. Moseley.)**

Air Force mission success begins with you — the individual Airman. All Airmen must possess constant professional and personal situational awareness to ensure positive impact on their unit's mission.

Although we often see our professional life in a very disciplined way, we sometimes don't realize how our personal well-being affects our job performance. Being on solid financial footing is one way you can positively affect your life.

For example, hurricane season is upon us. We urge you, particularly if you live in an area prone to nature's fury, to examine how prepared you are to protect your family financially.

One of the lessons learned from the past year's natural disasters is that after the disaster is not the time to assess your insurance needs. Too many of our teammates, including retirees, were caught unprepared and now are

bearing an avoidable financial burden.

All Air Force members, whether living on base or off, should consider their family's needs for adequate personal property (renter's) insurance. Make a detailed inventory of your personal property — even a simple videotaping could help.

If you are a homeowner, consider purchasing flood insurance. Finally, don't forget comprehensive coverage for your cars (liability insurance won't pay for a storm-damaged vehicle). Remember the adage, "change favors the prepared."

Once you have protected your family through insurance, turn your attention to other facets of personal financial management. Air Force Airman and Family Readiness Centers (formerly known as Family Support Centers) possess a wealth of information to educate you on the many tools available to help you manage debt, begin saving, protect against identity theft and secure your family's future. Your local JAG office can help with consumer and debt problems as well.

Moreover, every Air Force base offers beginner financial classes to help you set up a realistic household budget, live within your means, and learn the basics of taxes and investing. Though it seems like a long way off, investing today will help you maximize the cumulative effects of a disciplined savings plan for your family.

As John Wayne once said, "The fastest way to double your money is to fold it over one time. Then put it where it will grow." Along those lines, the Air Force offers the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) which allows your money to grow tax-deferred while being automatically deducted from your pay through allotments — this is an easy way to invest your money systematically.

We want confident and proud Airmen. When your personal life is in order, you are a better warfighter for the Joint Team. Gaining and retaining control of your family's personal finances will provide you with the right situational awareness to truly focus on the professional side of your life. If you want to be secure tomorrow, the time to start acting is today!

## Straight Talk Line

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

# C-5 still going strong after 38 years

**Laura McGowan**  
Aeronautical Systems Center

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio** — Thirty-eight years after the C-5 Galaxy made its maiden flight on June 30, 1968, it marks another significant milestone. At Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., on Monday, June 19, the upgraded C-5M made its first flight right on schedule.

A rollout ceremony for the first of 111 C-5Ms was held at the Marietta plant on May 16. The modernization promised a more powerful, yet quieter airplane.

"It's a big day for the Air Force, Air Mobility Command and the C-5 team. The C-5M will save more than \$20 billion. It pays for itself and then some," said Col. Kevin Keck, commander of the Aeronautical Systems Center's C-5 Systems Group.

The C-5 Systems Group oversees the aircraft's modernization process and supports the Air Force's modernization priorities while cutting costs.

"This new aircraft, unlike any other in the world, provides the United States

with unmatched capability into the future and unmatched operational cost savings to enable the Air Force to divert operational savings to other high priority needs," said George Shultz, vice president, Lockheed Martin C-5 modernization program.

The new, commercially proven CF6 General Electric engine will deliver a 22 percent increase in thrust, a 30 percent shorter take-off roll and a 38 percent higher climb to initial altitude, which will allow it to carry significantly more cargo over longer distances.

The C-5 Avionics Modernization Program adds a modern cockpit with a digital, all-weather flight control system and autopilot, a new communications suite, flat panel displays and enhanced navigation and safety equipment to ease crew workload and enhance situational awareness.

"It's a one of a kind aircraft in strategic airlift with the ability to carry twice as much cargo as other systems. It's a force multiplier," Colonel Keck said.

The C-5 has been used in every conflict since Vietnam, and this first flight marks



Lockheed Martin photo

**A modernized version of the C-5 Galaxy, known as the C-5M, made its maiden flight at Dobbins ARB, Ga., on Monday.**

another June milestone for the program and the Air Force since its June 1968 flight.

"This unique aircraft has provided the U.S. Air Force and our nation with an

incredible capability since it first started supporting our country's strategic air mobility requirement to move massive amounts of cargo and troops," Mr. Shultz said.

# Technicians cut metal waste

**Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp**  
3rd Wing

**ELMENDORF AFB, Alaska** — Airmen in the 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron's metals technology shop are maximizing value while minimizing waste by making what customers need from scratch. On a daily basis, they can produce two-dimensional "parts" for just about any aircraft here.

"With our computer design software, we can design, manufacture and test metal components in a virtual environment before we even make the first cut on the machine," said Tech. Sgt. Brett Odom, 3rd EMS. "Once we have the design, we can go to work on the metal. Our abrasive water-jet cutter can slice through six inches of steel like a hot knife through butter."

The machine this 21-person shop uses to make parts combines high-pressure water mixed with sand-like material and then forces it through a hole forty-thousandths of an inch wide, creating a force capable of cutting any material up to six inches thick.

This \$176,000 machine saved the Air Force more than \$346,000 when it manufactured one of its first items, an F-15 Eagle gun ballast. The ballast is used to replace the weight of the 20 mm cannon that is removed when the aircraft is flown to depot maintenance facilities.

This machine is important because "it allows aircraft parts to be mass-produced at a very low cost compared



Staff Sgt. Alan Port

**Tech. Sgt. Albern Warren checks on the progress of an abrasive water-jet cutter while cutting metal for an aircraft part June 16. Sergeant Warren is assigned to the 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron metals technology shop at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.**

to conventional fabrication," said Senior Master Sgt. Toxie Robbins, the 3rd EMS fabrication flight superintendent. "It has reduced turnaround time on certain parts by as much as 90 percent."

Since the shop began using the cutting machine in 2003, Sergeant Robbins said there has been no environmental impact, because there isn't any material waste or conventional waste streams such as coolants or oils.

Sergeant Robbins said the cutter is the technician's machine of choice regardless of task size.

"One or 100 parts, this machine saves time, tooling, employee hours (and more) through user-friendly interface and zero waste," he said.

Additionally, technicians said they look forward to making any part, because they have so many other tools at their disposal. They use welding equipment, a computer-controlled milling machine, plasma cutters, saws, grinders and more.

"With our computer-aided equipment, we are able to mass produce duplicate parts to within one ten-thousandth of an inch, every single time," Sergeant Odom said.

It is the precision of their tools and the creativity in their approach to problems that have led this team to creating innovative products.

"The 3rd Wing now can accomplish organically what previously has been outsourced," Sergeant Robbins said.

**(Editor's note: Tech. Sgt. Mike Edwards, 3rd Wing Public Affairs, contributed to this story.)**



The toughest job  
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Summer programs provide recreational family fun

‘Dyno-mite’ display



**James Rolke shows his collection of dinosaur artifacts to children from the summer reading program, “Reading is Dyno-mite,” Wednesday at the base library. These children will participate in a different activity every Wednesday through July 26 and earn prizes at the end of the summer. For more information about the library and its programs, call Ext. 2934.**

**Champagne Sunday brunch:** The Columbus Club offers a variety of breakfast and lunch entrees from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Columbus Club. Cost is \$9.95 for club members and \$12.95 for nonmembers. Cost for ages 6 to 12 is \$5 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Ages 5 and younger eat for free. Reservations are not required. The next brunch is July 16. Call Ext. 2490.

**Crafts classes:** The arts and crafts center’s upcoming craft classes feature seasonal projects. Adult classes are at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Upcoming classes include how to make a wooden flag box, USA door hanging, mosaic bird bath and clay saucer coasters.

Youth classes are offered Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Upcoming classes include how to make a decorative visor, magnetic bug clips, can cooler, travel tic tac toe and decorative chalk board.

A display of all projects is available in the arts and crafts center lobby. Participants

able: 8 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per child or \$40 for both sessions. Each program participant will receive 15 hours of instruction, a T-shirt, a certificate of course completion and the opportunity to provide feedback on the program. Call Ext. 2504 for more information.

**Bowling center special:** The bowling center offers 50-cent bowling all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the summer. Patrons who purchase a combo meal from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. can bowl for 50 cents a game with free shoe rental. Call Ext. 2426.

**Oil change special:** The auto hobby shop offers an oil change and tire rotation for \$26. Customers can add a tire balance for a total of \$40. Call Ext. 7842 for an appointment.

**Home decor workshop:** The arts and crafts center offers a course on how to make a CD storage rack at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. July 13. Cost is \$25 and includes all supplies. Participants must register and pay by July 7 at the center. Call Ext. 7836 for more information.

**Parents Day Out:** The child development center and youth center offer Parents Day Out from from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 15. Cost is \$3 per hour per child. Parents must register their children by July 12. Call the child development center at Ext. 2478 or the youth center at Ext. 2504.

**Family fun night and pool party:** The Columbus Club offers a pool party from 5:30 to 8 p.m. July 13. Cost is \$6.95 for members and \$9.95 for nonmembers. Cost for ages 6 to 12 is \$3.95 for members and \$5.95 for nonmembers. Ages 5 and younger eat for free. The menu includes grilled cheese, french fries, hot dogs, chips and salad. Call Ext. 2490 for more information.

**Youth science camp:** The youth center offers this camp for ages 7 to 12 from 9 a.m. to noon July 24 to July 28. Campers will have an opportunity to experience science through a variety of hands-on activities. Camp is free; however, spaces are limited and registration is based on first come, first served. Call Ext. 2504 for more information.

**Collection Expo:** The youth center invites all young collectors, ages 9 to 18, to share their trading cards, rocks, stamps, stuffed animals and other collections at the Collection Expo from 2 to 4 p.m. July 29. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

**Summer day camp:** The youth center offers this program for youth who have completed kindergarten through sixth grades. Camp is from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost is based on total family income. Activities include swimming, field trips, arts and crafts, sports and more. Register at the youth center or call Ext. 2504 for more information.

Services Holiday Hours

	July 2	July 3	July 4
<b>Bowling Center</b>	11 a.m-6 p.m.	11 a.m-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
<b>Fitness Center</b>	8 a.m-8 p.m.	10 a.m-6 p.m.	Closed
<b>Golf Course</b>	7 a.m-Dusk	7 a.m-Dusk	7 a.m-Dusk
<b>Library</b>	1-5 p.m.	Closed	Closed
<b>Swimming Pool</b>	Noon-7 p.m.	Noon-7 p.m.	Noon-4 p.m.
<b>Outdoor Rec</b>	Closed	9 a.m-1 p.m.	Closed
<b>Magnolia Inn</b>	----- Open 24/7 -----		

\* All other Services activities are closed.  
For more information, call Ext. 2337.



Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday:  
9:15 a.m. — Mass  
5 p.m. — Confessions  
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass  
Wednesday:  
11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday:  
9 a.m. -- Adult Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. -- Traditional worship  
service at the chapel with a fellowship  
luncheon every fourth Sunday of  
the month

For Bible studies and other program  
information, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

Airmen and Family

**(Editor's note:** *All activities are offered  
at the Airman and Family Readiness Center,  
formerly known as the Family Support  
Center, unless otherwise specified. For more  
information about any of the activities list-  
ed, call Ext. 2790.*)

Local employment

A workshop about employment oppor-  
tunities with local businesses, the 14th  
Services Division and government appli-  
cations is at 1 p.m. every Wednesday.  
Resumes and other job applications will  
also be discussed.

Give Parents a Break

This free childcare is offered from  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The Air Force  
Aid Society sponsors this program for  
active-duty Air Force families who are  
experiencing unique stresses such as  
deployments, remote tours of duty and  
extended working hours.

Families must be referred by one of  
the following: squadron commander or  
first sergeant, chaplain, doctor or med-  
ical professional, or personnel from fam-  
ily advocacy, the Airman and FRC or  
child development center. For more  
information, call the Airman and Family  
Readiness Center at Ext. 2790.

Sponsorship training

A workshop designed for all unit intro-  
duction monitors is at 9 a.m. Tuesday.  
Training includes the importance of  
effective sponsorship and resources avail-  
able for both sponsors and newcomers. In  
addition, Web-based training is offered  
through the Columbus AFB homepage  
and public folder.

PDF, Jr.

Personnel Deployment Function  
Junior is from 7:45 to 11 a.m. July 26.  
This free program is open to children,  
ages 6 to 12, of active-duty military  
members or civilians. Ages 10 and  
younger must be accompanied by an  
adult older than 18 years. Participants  
will get to meet the wing commander,  
receive IDs and dog tags through a pro-  
cessing line, learn about safety at  
deployed locations, explore a mobility  
bag, witness a communications and work-  
ing dog demonstrations and tour an air-  
craft static display. Registration is limit-  
ed. To sign up, call Ext. 2790 by 4 p.m.  
July 20.

Job skills identification

A workshop on how to identify job  
skills to include on a resume is from 9 to  
10 a.m. July 5.

Base Notes

Education assessment

The Education Services Flight is con-  
ducting an Education Needs Assessment  
Survey now through June 30. This survey is  
critical to request new off-duty voluntary  
education programs at Columbus AFB. To  
access the survey online, visit https://  
afvec.langley.af.mil/Pages/home.aspx.  
Select "Take the Survey" under needs  
assessment on the left side of the Web page.  
This survey consists of 10 questions and  
should be completed in two minutes or less.

Officer vMPF information

Officer promotion boards are approach-  
ing, and there will be another Force Shaping  
Board Spring 2007. Officers are encouraged  
to check their records in the virtual military  
personnel flight. If there is any error in  
education level, contact the Academic  
Coding Brand at AFIT.coding@AFIT.edu

or send an official transcript to: AFIT  
Academic Coding Branch, 2950 Hobson  
Way, Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433-  
7765.

VA data theft

All **active-duty**, Guard and Reserve  
Airmen can check the Air Force Personnel  
Center Web site at www.afpc.randolph.  
af.mil to see if their personal data was com-  
promised in the Veterans Administration  
data theft. For the latest information on this  
issue and for more information on how to  
protect against identity theft, visit  
www.firstgov.gov.

Civilian tuition assistance

The Air Force will fund mission-related  
college courses for full-time appropriated  
fund civilian personnel employed at  
Columbus AFB. To use CivTA, the pro-  
gram must be recognized by the U.S.  
Department of Education, voluntary and  
off-duty. For details or eligibility informa-  
tion, call Ext. 2562.

Enlisted promotions

The July enlisted promotion ceremony  
is at 3:30 p.m. June 30 at the community  
center.

Commissary open July 4

The commissary will be open from 9 a.m.  
to 6 p.m. July 4. Call Ext. 7109.

Fireworks on the Water

Activities start at 4 p.m. July 4 for  
Fireworks on the Water at the Columbus  
Marina. The event will feature live  
entertainment on stage at 5 p.m., food  
and drink vendors, a lighted boat parade  
at dusk and fireworks shortly after dark.  
The event is sponsored by Columbus  
AFB Services and the Columbus Marina.

EMCC pre-registration

East Mississippi Community College  
fall 2006 pre-registration and orientation  
is from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 14 at the  
EMCC office in Building 916. People will  
have the opportunity to meet with an aca-  
demic advisor and sign up early for both  
distance learning and on- base classes for  
fall 2006. Classes begin August 17. For  
questions or more information, call Ext.  
2660 or e-mail rsanders@eastms.edu or  
jnewton@eastms.edu.

Welcome Home event

All BLAZE TEAM members are invit-  
ed to show their appreciation for the  
most recently returned deployed service-  
members at the 14th Flying Training  
Wing Welcome Home celebration at  
4:30 p.m. July 18 at the Columbus Club.

Registration for the returned service-  
members begins at 3:45 p.m.; a reunion  
and reintegration briefing for these mili-  
tary members and their spouses begins  
at 4 p.m.; and a celebration with food,  
drinks and prizes begins at 4:30 p.m.

Returned servicemembers must call  
the chapel at Ext. 2500 by July 11 to sign  
up, and are encouraged to bring memora-  
bilias from their deployment to share with  
the community during this event.

CMSD registration

On-base residents with children attend-  
ing the Columbus Municipal School  
District for the 2006-2007 school year can  
register their children from 4:30 to  
6:30 p.m. July 24 at the Services Commu-  
nity Center.

Families must have one proof of on-  
base housing residency upon registering. If  
new to the district, they must also bring a  
Mississippi Immunization Compliance  
Form (from the 14th Medical Group), a  
certified birth certificate and previous  
school records.

Children in kindergarten through fourth  
grades must have participated in the lot-  
tery and have an assigned seat. Those who  
have not participated in the lottery must  
report to Brandon Central Services Center  
located at 2630 McArthur Drive (next to  
K-Mart) to apply for a seat.

Children in fifth through twelfth grades  
must be new students or previously  
enrolled in the CMSD.

New students in seventh through  
twelfth grades must visit their gaining  
school upon arrival to Columbus to select a  
course schedule prior to registering, if  
possible. For more information, call 241-  
7400.

Hiring for C-5 conversion

The 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg,  
W.V., is in the process of transitioning  
from a C-130 unit to a C-5 unit and hiring  
for many new full-time positions. For more  
information, call (800) 253-5674 or visit  
www.wvmart.ang.af.mil.

**Bama Belle Sunset Cruises:** This hour and a half cruise  
along the Black Warrior river banks is offered at 6 p.m. every  
Tuesday in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The event features live enter-  
tainment. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for chil-  
dren. No reservations are required. Dinner cruises are also  
available. For more information, call (205) 339-1108.

**IMAX Theatre:** The McWane Center IMAX Theatre in  
Birmingham, Ala., features *Fighter Pilot-Operation Red Flag*.  
Spectators will follow a young F-15 fighter pilot through  
Red Flag, the final phase before pilots are sent into actual  
combat, and receive a rare view into the teamwork and dan-  
gers of military flight training. For more information, call  
(205) 714-8300 or visit www.McWane.org.

**EMCC cosmetology services:** Students from the East  
Mississippi Community College cosmetology department  
offer services to military spouses now through June 30.  
Salon hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Friday from 9:30  
to 11 a.m. Appointments are encouraged and can be made  
after 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at  
243-1915. All services are performed by students in train-  
ing under instructor supervision.

Services are offered at discount prices: haircut, \$3; haircut

with shampoo, \$4; haircut with blow-dry style, \$6; press  
and curl, \$8; computer imaging with photo, \$10; hair color,  
\$11 and up, highlight (cap), \$16; highlight (weave), \$20;  
spiral perm, \$30; relaxer retouch with conditioner, \$15;  
pedicure, \$15; hot oil manicure with massage, \$6; polish  
change, \$2; eyebrow shaping (tweezed and waxed), \$3; and  
more. For a complete list of services, call 243-1915.

**Circus:** The Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey circus is  
July 21 through July 23 at Humphrey Coliseum at the  
Mississippi State University Campus in Starkville, Miss.  
The event features an all-access preshow party available to  
ticket holders at no extra charge. Participants will have the  
opportunity to mingle with performers, learn about the ani-  
mals from experts, receive autographs and even watch an  
elephant paint.

Discounted performances are at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
July 22; and at 2 p.m. July 23. Tickets are \$29 for VIP floor  
seats, \$19 for first price level and \$14 for second price level.  
Military personnel and their family members receive a \$5  
discount. Tickets can be purchased in person from 8:30 a.m.  
to 4:30 p.m. at the Mississippi State Athletic Ticket Office in  
Bryan Building on Lakeview Road (adjacent to the  
Humphrey Coliseum).

Tickets are issued for the best available seats at the time

of purchase, on a first come-first served basis. Discounts are  
not available on VIP floor seats and cannot be combined.  
Children who have reached their second birthday require a  
ticket. Full price tickets are available at the Humphrey  
Coliseum or www.ticketweb.com. Tickets can be purchased  
the day of the show at the Humphrey Coliseum Gameday  
ticket office. For group discount information, call Dixieland  
Group Tickets at (888) 770-1876 or e-mail dixiegroups  
@bellsouth.net. For more information, visit  
www.ringling.com.

**Caledonia Day:** The city of Caledonia, Miss., celebrates  
its annual Caledonia Day Oct. 21. Vendors of all kinds are  
needed. Spaces are \$25 without electricity or \$35 with elec-  
tricity. The deadline to sign up is Oct. 12. For more infor-  
mation, call Judy Whitcomb at (662) 356-4117.

**Columbus Lock and Dam:** Fully operational, the  
Columbus Lock and Dam is located on the Tennessee-  
Tombigbee Waterway, a 234-mile navigable channel linking  
the Tennessee River to Mobile, Ala. The Waterway is open  
daily and offers multiple opportunities for outdoor recre-  
ation including boating, fishing, picnicking, nature trails  
and playgrounds. Tours are available by appointment. No  
admission is charged. For more information, call 327-2142.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family mem-  
bers and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by  
noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not  
re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone num-  
bers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may  
not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this  
form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one)	Home	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Yard sales	Pets
Print advertisement					
Name					
Home Telephone #			Duty Telephone #		
(in case we need more information)					

Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:

Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes ☐ No ☐

What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐ Other

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

Attention Supply Customers:

point of contact for customers requiring assistance on supply-related matters.

Do you have a Base Supply problem? Do you need the  
status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the  
wrong part? The Customer Service element is the single  
point of contact for customers requiring assistance on supply-related matters. For assistance, call Customer Service at Ext. 7178.



# Going the distance

## CGO represents Columbus, US at international meet

**Senior Airman Cecilia Rodriguez**  
14th Flying Training Wing

Despite the fact he's only been in the Air Force for about one year, 2nd Lt. David Diercks is already making his mark around the globe.

The 14th Contracting Squadron officer took a break from his daily duties as a purchasing agent to represent the BLAZE TEAM and the United States at the U.S. Air Forces in Europe track and field meet June 6 through June 8 at Royal Air Force Cosford, United Kingdom.

A fellow company grade officer whom Lieutenant Diercks competed with in college had told him about the event; and in the early spring, he submitted an Air Force Form 303, Request for USAF Specialized Sports Training.

Lieutenant Diercks found out at the beginning of May that he was one of only 20 Airmen throughout the entire Air Force chosen to participate in the international event.

Even though the lieutenant's sports record is show-ered with a variety of athletics -- wrestling, tennis, golf, soccer, football, volleyball and track -- it was his impressive accomplishments in the javelin throw that earned him a spot on the U.S. throws team.



**2nd Lt. David Diercks**

The Faribault, Minn., native got his start in the event halfway through his freshman season at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. After some encouragement from his older sister, who was already familiar with the sport, he picked up the javelin, talked with the coach and was labeled a "natural."

He ended up plac-ing fifth in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference that year -- an unan- ticipated accom- plishment.

Each year there- after, Lieutenant Diercks' record con-

tinued to improve and even earned him the opportunity to compete at the national level.

But no experience compared to that which he recently enjoyed in England, competing against teams from the Royal, German, Netherlands and Belgium air forces.

"In no other circumstance are we, servicemembers, able to con-

jure up camaraderie among coalition forces in an atmosphere like this," Lieutenant Diercks said. "A lot of people don't understand the importance of the Air Force athletics program. It allows us the opportunity to learn about our allies on a peaceful stage, to under- stand other nations, other cultures and other forces."



U.S. Air Force Photo

**Lieutenant Diercks took fourth place in the javelin throw event at the U.S. Air Forces in Europe track and field meet June 6 through June 8 in England.**

## Smooth sailing



Airman 1st Class Alyssa Miles

**Anthony Duty, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron team, sends one over the net during intra- mural volleyball action Tuesday. For more information about the Columbus AFB intramu- ral sports program and how to get involved, contact a unit sports representative or call the fitness center at Ext. 2772.**

## Sports Shorts

### Swimming Lessons

Ages 3 to 18 can learn to swim during a two week program for the cost of \$40. Classes will are July 19 to July 30 and July 24 to Aug. 4 Mondays through Thursdays with make-up classes on Fridays. Class is from 8 to 8:30 a.m. for beginners, 8:30 to 9 a.m. for intermediate swimmers and 9 to 9:30 a.m. for advanced swimmers. Call Ext. 7861 for more information.

### Flag football officials

People interested in officiating the intramural flag football season must attend a certification/re-certification clinic for the upcoming 2006 season. For more information or to sign up, call 364-0414.

### Sports advisory council

The next sports advisory council meeting is at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Health and Wellness Center conference room. Commanders trophy points will be awarded for squadron representatives in attendance. For questions or more information, call the fitness center at Ext. 2772.

### Fitness incentives

The fitness center program "Get Fit, Get Stuff" allows gym patrons to earn items such as water bottles, towels, T-shirts and gym bags for run- ning, cycling or walking. BLAZE TEAM members can own any of these items by sacrificing a little hard earned sweat. Stop by the fitness center or call Ext. 2772 for more information.